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Excise Police Cite Three Bars, Arrest Two for Cocaine

CLARKSVILLE, Ind. – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited three bars and arrested two men on cocaine-related charges Thursday night in Clark and Floyd counties.

Jersey's Café, 1515 Lynch Lane, Clarksville, was cited for employing unlicensed server, not maintaining permit records, sale of alcohol on credit, allowing carry-out of beer, refilling bottles, purchasing liquor from another retailer and altering floor plans without approval.

After leaving Jersey's Café, an officer saw someone snorting a white powder substance from his hand. He and another man were sitting in a Ford Explorer parked next to an unmarked police car. Officers located a small plastic bag containing a white powder substance in the driver's hand. A field test indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine.

Jeremiah E.W. Spillman, 26, of Clarksville, was arrested for possession of cocaine and maintaining a common nuisance, both felonies. Jerry L. Callis, 57, also of Clarksville, was arrested for visiting a common nuisance, a misdemeanor.

Rustic Frog, 1720 Old River Road, New Albany, was cited for not having food service available. A follow-up investigation on Friday resulted in additional charges of employing an unlicensed server and not maintaining permit records.

Speakeasy, 225 State Street, New Albany, was cited for altering floor plans without approval and failure to display permit. Speakeasy had already corrected both violations by Friday morning.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers are empowered to enforce any state law, they primarily focus on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.